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SUBJECT: MFA STATEMENT ON UN RESOLUTION 1701

1. Embassy Bridgetown received via fax a statement from Dominica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Labour on UN Resolution 1701.

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Labour on the UN Resolution 1701 Calling for a Ceasefire in the Lebanon/Israeli Conflict

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica welcomes Resolution 1701 adopted unanimously by the United Nations Security Council on Friday August 11, 2006 after one month of intense fighting, which calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities and for Israel and Lebanon to support a permanent ceasefire and work towards a long-term resolution of differences.

Government has observed with grave concern the cycle of violence that has unfolded between Israel and Lebanon since the events of July 12 which has resulted in widespread human suffering and loss of innocent life in both Israel and Lebanon; has caused extensive damage to civilian infrastructure; and posed a threat to international peace and security.

Resolution 1701 which was unanimously adopted by all 15 members of the Security Council offers some hope for a lasting peace between Israel and Lebanon. The acceptance of the resolution by both countries has increased the chances of a permanent ceasefire and a long term solution to conflicts between them. It would not be enough merely to return to the situation which existed prior to July 12, 2006.

The Government of Dominica therefore hopes that Israel and Lebanon will respect the principles and elements set forth in Resolution 1701 to ensure the maintenance of the ceasefire and the implementation of a long term solution to this crisis and, with the support of the international community, make every effort to bring lasting peace to the Middle East.

/s/

Charles A. Savarin
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade
and Labour

August 16, 2006

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2. Embassy Bridgetown will send the original statement to WHA/CAR once it is received.
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